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The Crime

It was a quiet day at the station, and Detective Inspector Diana O'Matically was listening in to the calls to dispatch, waiting for an interesting case. So far it was pretty mundane:

"I'd like to report a robbery; our **tango** should have easily won first place in the dance competition..."

"Hi, I'm the receptionist at the glitz **hotel** and theatre, I'd like to report a really weird **echo** in our main hall..."

"...I mean, it was more of a **foxtrot** than a **tango**, not that I've got any problem with a **foxtrot** you understand, but..."

"...our **Romeo** (well, his real name's **Oscar**) keeps getting distracted..."

"I'd like to report some flagrant misrepresentation; I recently rented the film **Magic Mike**, being a **keen** amateur conjuror I thought it'd be right up my street, look, with a film like **Charlie** and the Chocolate Factory you get exactly what the title says..."

"...look, I've danced in competitions from Canada to **India**, Peru to Norway, and that **tango** wouldn't have cut the mustard in any of them."

"...A Connecticut **Yankee** in King Arthur's Court! That's another great example of how to title a movie. Or **Zulu**, if you prefer brevity, it's all there. If you're going to call him 'magic' then he should be waving a different sort of wand around, that's all I'm saying."

"...look, I'll give him a shout and he can tell you all about it. **Oscar**, **Oscar**"

Natorally Diana, wasn't interested in the fools calling on the phone, ticking them off for wasting police time, she realized she'd stumbled upon a real crime.

What crime did the detective rush off to investigate?

Natorally is a clue that you should look for NATO words.

THEFT FROM CITY ZOO



Puzzled
Pint

A Game of Cat and Mouse

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The Detective had a suspect in mind straight away: Leo the Leopard. A career cat burglar, he'd only just got out from doing time for a similar crime.

At first the interrogation didn't seem to have gone well, but on reviewing the transcript Diana realized that the suspect had let the cat out of the bag. What was Leo really doing on the night of the theft?

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"Last night, whilst I was on patrol, Ed told me what happened. Ed and my pa are old friends, he's had my back since I was a cub.

On my route I usually circle the northern side of the lake, drop by Wolfy in his dope lair, and from there on to chill out with Ursa in the Polar Den.

After that I either head back to my pad, or leg it up to the Savannah area, plod around there for a while before heading home.

When it was colder, Pa would go even further, just when you thought he'd be home, he'd redo a lap to keep himself warm. Though as soon as a droplet of rain hit his back, he'd dash home! On the night of the theft I came up with a plan. Ed or I would have to chase the thief down. Since my parole 'Ad Altoria Tendo' has been my motto, my criminal record is just old paper now."

Diana reread the transcript. Each line must have held a clue to what Leo was actually doing that night. Leo's final statement rang in her ears:

"I'm reformed, I've changed myself, what happened in the past was totally out of character."

T A K I N G A C A T N A P

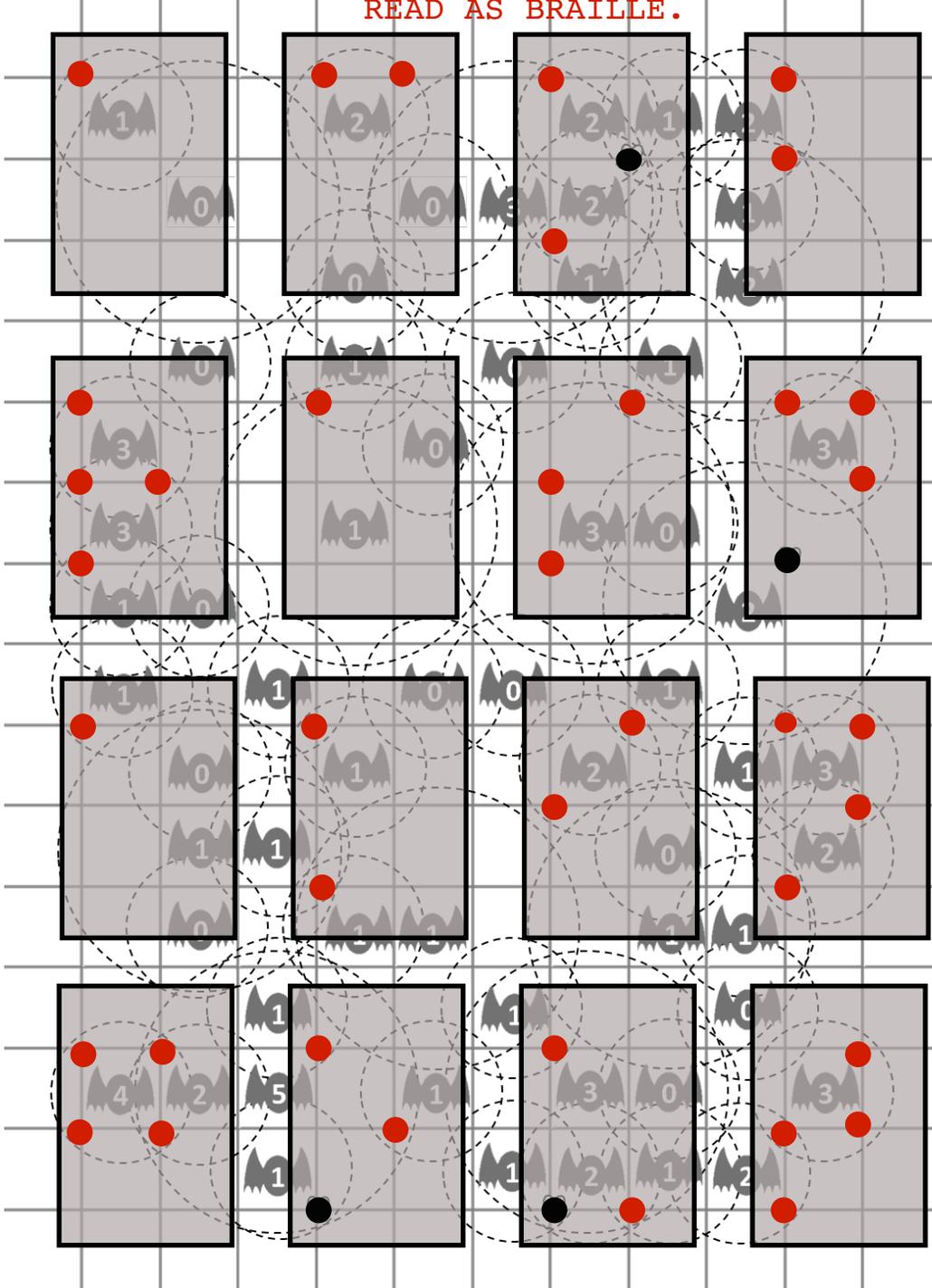
EACH ROW CONTAINS A SET OF WORDS THAT CONTAIN THE LETTERS OF LEOPARD PLUS AN EXTRA LETTER



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Bats in the Belfry

ADD THE ADDITIONAL FLIES BY ONLY HAVING THE NUMBER OF DOTS AS INDICATED IN EACH CIRCLE. THE READ AS BRAILLE.



In the search for more reliable witnesses Diana decided to question some nocturnal creatures. However, the bats seemed more interested in their food than in helping her.

The bats were seeking out flies, using their echolocation to count the number of insects around them. When all of the flies had been found, the message for the detective was clear.

Flies (●) stick to the lattice points of the grid

A COBRA SNAKING OUT

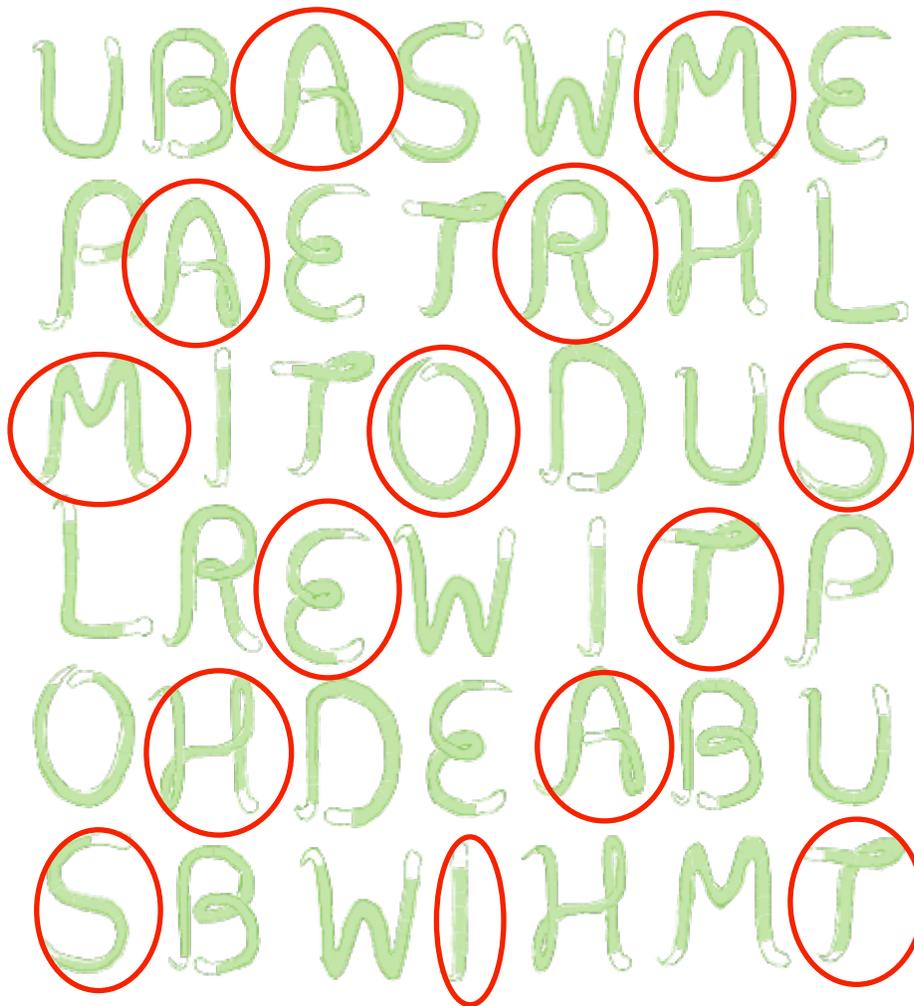
A Nest of Vipers

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In the Reptile House Diana felt uneasy, the writhing mass of snakes she saw sparked a primeval fear inside her.

Some of these might be helpful witnesses, but which ones?

One snake in particular caught her eye, it had hold of its own tail, writhing around, twisting inside and out. It seemed to want to tell the detective something...



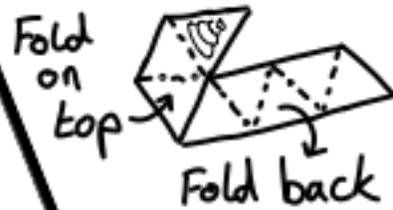
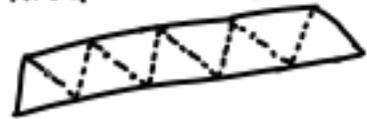
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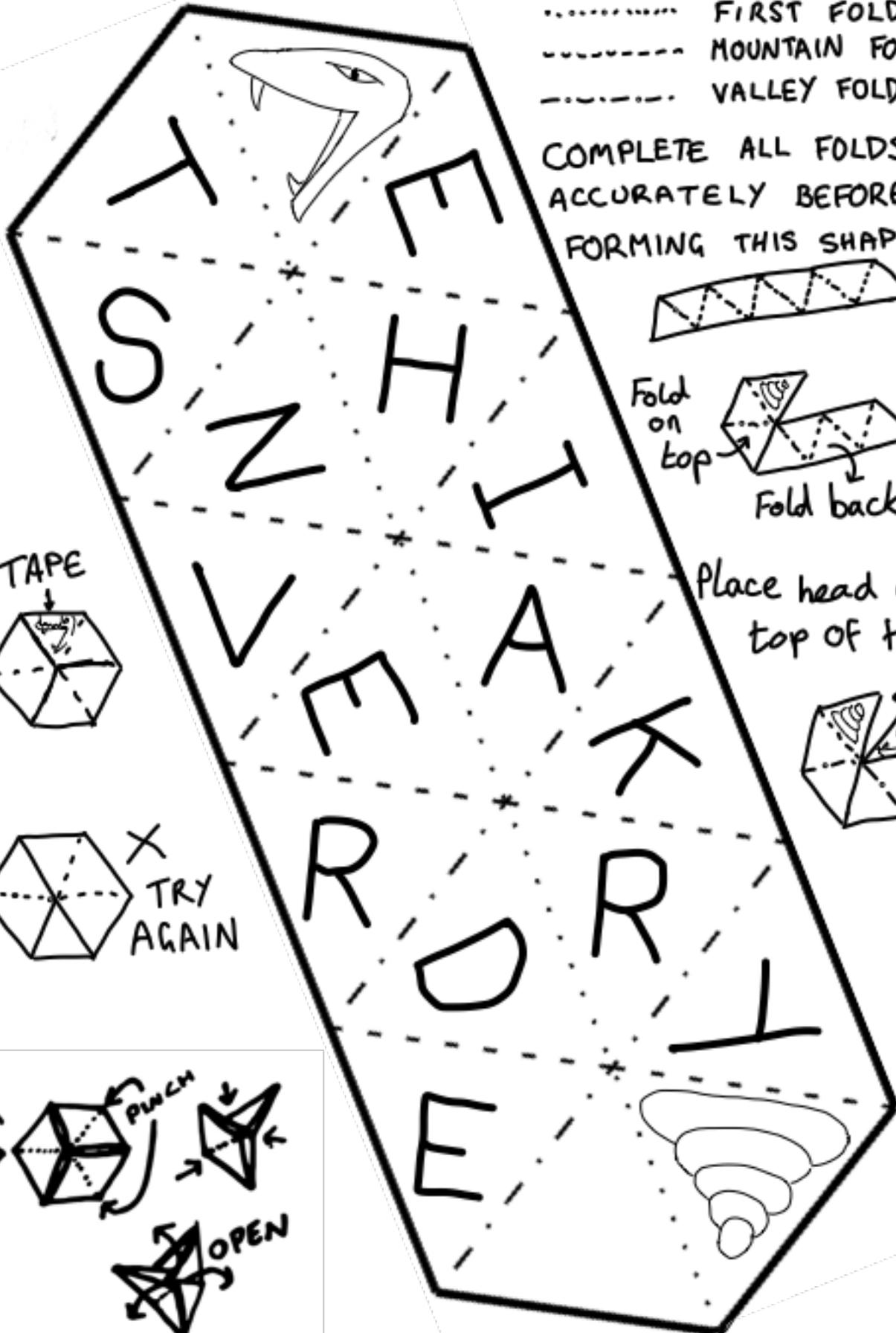
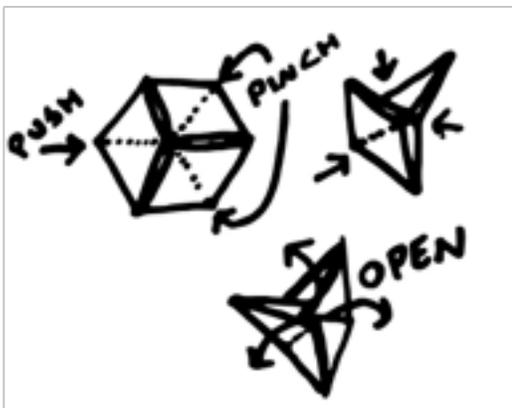
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- FIRST FOLD
- MOUNTAIN FOLD
- - - - - VALLEY FOLD

COMPLETE ALL FOLDS ACCURATELY BEFORE FORMING THIS SHAPE:



Place head on top of tail



A Barrel of Monkeys

In the Primate house Diana stared in confusion at the animals. "Someone's been monkeying around here." She said to herself.

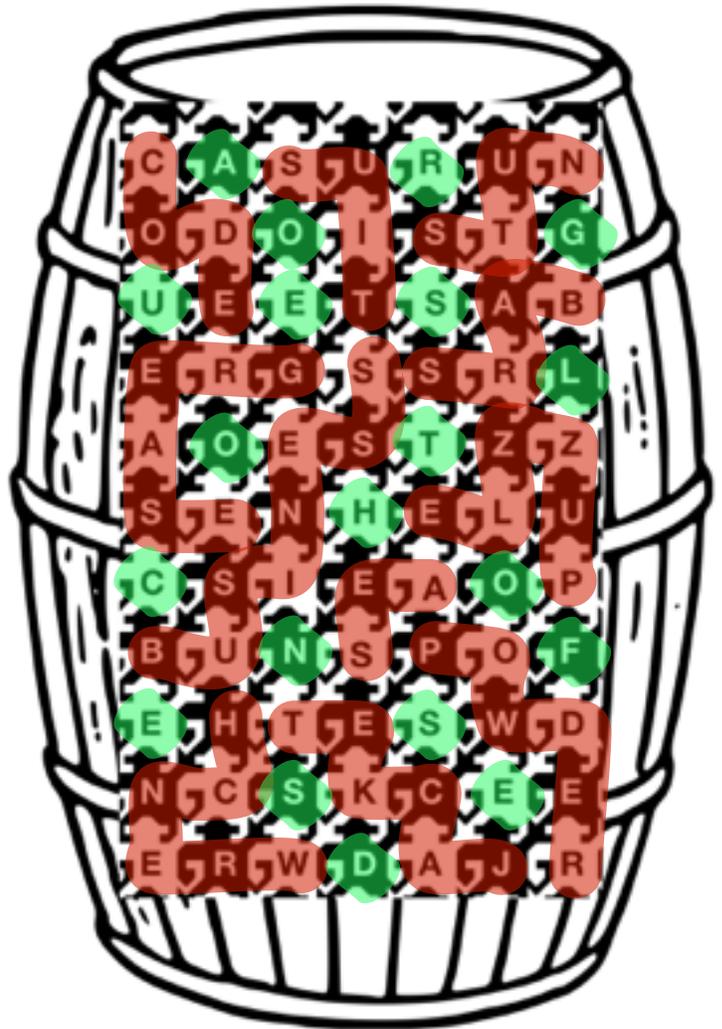
The primates had banded together by type, linking in chains that were tangled amongst each other.

As she examined closely she noticed some monkeys that were not part of the group, what they told her brought the investigation to a close.

Identify the lonely simians, eliminating the others, to find the reason why Diana stopped her investigation.

How to solve:

Monkeys connect to a monkey above, below, to their left or to their right, not diagonally. There are 11 types of monkey to find, use the picture clues on the other sheet to help you.



The left over
letters spell the
answer:

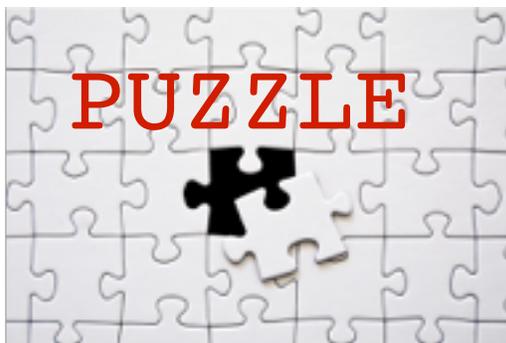
A R O G U E S L O T H C O N F E S S E D

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NUTS



PUZZLE



CODE



JACKET



SUIT



SEA



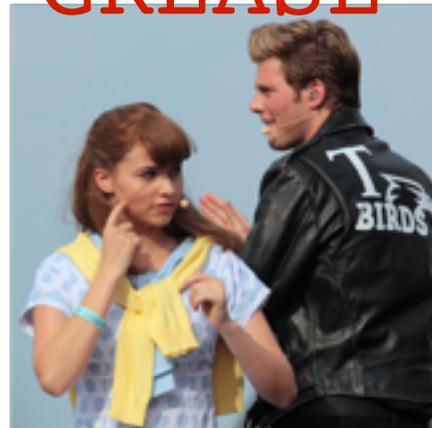
POWDER



WRENCH



GREASE



BARS



BUSINESS

Forbes



Justice will be done?

USE ALL THE LETTERS FROM THE THE CLUES (PUZZLE ANSWERS) TO CREATE THE PHRASES BELOW. THE LEFT OVER ONES WILL SPELL THE FINAL ANSWER OF "A KANGROO COURT"

Animal	Clue (puzzle answers)
LEOPARD	TAKING A CATNAP
BAT	A COBRA SNAKING OUT
SNAKE	A MARMOSET HAS IT
MONKEY	A ROGUE SLOTH CONFESSED

Diana's deductions about her witnesses would eliminate some of the clues, leaving her with just a few characters to order to the station.

"Hmm," she said to herself, "I thought this would be a tough case, but I, Di O'Matically, have been able to crack it."

"My first suspect claimed innocence, saying that he's turned over a new leaf, but I'm not so certain, after all

A LEOPARD CAN'T CHANGE ITS SPOTS!

I'm not sure my second set of witnesses could be relied upon either, I'm not sure they saw a thing, they each seemed as

BLIND AS A BAT

My third interviewee turned on his friends so quickly, I don't see how I could trust such a

SNAKE IN THE GRASS

And the last lot, they seemed like real pranksters, wanting to make me look foolish. I'm sure they wanted to

MAKE A MONKEY OUT OF ME!"

"It goes without saying, that my evidence will secure a conviction. After all, it is

A KANGAROO COURT"



What was stolen?

To start with/finally Diana decided to check the scene of the crime, the animals' art studio. Four animals had each made artworks pertaining to a (rather unusual) theme. The whole lot had been rifled through, but what was missing?

To find out, Diana had to regroup the objects according to their collections, but it might not be that easy, as at first glance some of the items seemed to fit in more than one animal's set. Knowing, however, that there was only one solution where all the items would be grouped correctly, Diana got straight to it.

Animal	Collection	Items			
Seal	Oil paintings of fictional uncles	Fester	Owen	Ben	Scrooge
Wolf	Collection of poems named for familial terms for boys (E.g. "Lad")	Junior	Buck	Buddy	Squirt
Lion	Panpipe renditions of songs by famous duos	Simon	Hall	Sam	Sonny
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		Garfunkel	Oats	Dave	Cher
Bear	Bronze busts of Dickens characters	Drood	Marley	Heep	Pip

- Dave
- Junior
- Buck
- Buddy
- Heep
- Oates
- Ben
- Drood
- Sonny
- Simon
- Owen
- Hall
- Garfunkel
- Sam
- Fester
- Pip
- Scrooge
- Marley
- Squirt

What did the thief take, and from which animal?

THE LION'S CHER (SHARE)